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**ROCHESTER MAN PLEADS GUILTY
TO REENTERING THE UNITED STATES AFTER BEING DEPORTED**

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE – United States Attorney Tom Colantuono reports that 33-year-old Luis Alfredo Baez has pled guilty to the crime of reentering the United States after being deported to his home country of the Dominican Republic.

Baez also used the name Elias Ocasio-Hernaiz. He formerly lived on Winter Street in Rochester. Baez was deported from the United States to the Dominican Republic on September 20, 2000. However, Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents discovered that Baez had illegally reentered the United States when they found him in Rochester, New Hampshire on or about January 26, 2004. A federal grand jury indicted Baez on February 5, 2004, for illegally reentering the United States after being deported.

United States Attorney Tom Colantuono said, “This case and many others like it reflect our steadfast commitment to enforce the nation’s criminal immigration laws.”

After accepting Baez’s guilty plea, Judge Paul Barbadoro scheduled a sentencing hearing for May 25, 2005. Baez is facing a maximum prison sentence of 20 years and a maximum fine of \$250,000.

This case was investigated by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement of the Department of Homeland Security, and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Mark S. Zuckerman.